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Thanks

.. to those parents helping / supporting at next week's Year 4 to 6 Winter Tournament.

.. to those parents already putting shoulder to the wheel in preparation for the Annual School Ball (16 July) and Trivia Night (20 August).

People of the week

..Jordan for making the U11 rugby Rep team.

Rana-Jade for working so diligently on her own during her lunchtime Librarian duty.

Aimee for receiving "Player of the Day" for Matarau D Grade Hockey team 2 weeks ago.

..Abbey for receiving "Player of the Day" for Matarau D Grade Hockey team last week.

.. Brianna for receiving "Player of the Day" for Matarau E Grade Hockey team last week.

Eleanor for being a SKIDS NZ Winner of 2 free movie tickets. Well done!

CURRENT VIRTUE .. KINDNESS

Please find attached support material for the KINDNESS virtue. By popular choice (parents too remember) this will be our focus virtue for the remainder of this term.

Please remember to ..

- .. take the time to discuss the attached material with your child(ren) at home.
- .. discuss times when you have / do apply this virtue in your own lives.
- .. seek out some opportunities for application over the next few weeks.
- .. advise us of your successes so that we can share these with others.

Dental Caravan

Remember that messages for the diagnostic clinic can be left at the school office. Where a message is left, your child should be seen within a week. For more urgent cases please phone the Whangarei Hospital on 4700012.

20 Hour Famine

All participants are asked to have sponsor money (and booklets) back at school no later than 24 June please. Please note that, if your child registered for the programme and received a booklet this booklet **MUST** be returned whether or not they took part in the Famine.

Forthcoming dates to note

- .. 14 June Primary Winter Sports Tournament
- .. 28 June Visit by K.H.S. senior managers to discuss prog / answer questions (7:30 PM in the staffroom)
- .. 1 July Middle School Rippa Rugby Tournament
- .. 5 July Choir to Hurupaki School
- .. 11 July School Science fair
- .. 11/12 July Mid year parent / teacher interviews

Primary Winter Tournament – 14 June (pp 16.6)

If your child has not returned their consent for this event please ensure it is returned to school on Monday - or phone consent through on Monday morning. A reminder that children will travel by bus, leaving school for Kensington Park shortly after 9:00 AM and returning by 3:00 PM, and that they will need to bring their lunch, drink bottle, warm clothing and mouth guards if playing touch or hockey. We are a little short of parent helpers and so please give Rachael a call on Monday if able to help. Parents are welcome to drop by during the day to support our teams.

Science FAIR – Senior School

Remember to check your child's homework book from time to time to see if extra support is needed. Please contact your child's teacher early if you have any concerns or if your child seems to have "stalled".

Special Needs Support Programmes

A small number of children will commence support programmes mid term. If you have received notice of this please ensure consents are returned to school on Monday.

Virtues Club

Our virtues club kids have been busy about the school encouraging their peers (and teachers) to put our current virtue into practice .. If your child has received a "caught being compassionate" card please congratulate them.

Preparation for International Schools English Exam (test day 2 August)

By this stage we hope that children have completed at LEAST one of the practice papers issued a week ago. If not, please ensure they find a quiet place and a suitable time to do this paper this weekend. Remember that new papers can be accessed from the school office, and that homework loads can be negotiated with teachers during the test preparation period. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions. These tests are quite difficult and if your child is getting more than half correct (around 20 out of 40 questions) this may not be a bad start. If they are still getting below 20 out of 40 in 2 or 3 weeks please give Kevin a call, or flick him an email (principal@matarau.school.nz). Most children should be aiming for a mark up or beyond 30 out of 40. Please keep their past answers so that you can monitor progress.

Preparation for International Schools Mathematics Exam (test day 16 August)

.. will commence next week.

International Schools Practice Papers

If you have any papers at home from last year please return these to school next week.

School Contribution

A reminder to get outstanding term 2 school contributions to school asap please. Please don't hesitate to contact Kevin if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

Community Notices

For Rent - 2 bedrm cottage and sleepout in Ruatangata. New kitchen, recently decorated. \$220pw inc power and lawns. Ph Jenny 4355336 or (027)3258617.

For Sale - Bookcase/mirror/noticeboard in primary colours on rotating swivel. Great for small spaces and multi-functional. In very good condition, \$125. Ph Michele 4335 735 to view.

Moving Sale - Queen & 2 single beds, 3+1+1 lounge suite, coffee table, electrical appliances, kitchenware, 40" TV and more. Phone Kelly 4351230.

Babysitter Available - Former Matarau student, Holly Duckmanton, now aged 16yrs, is available for casual babysitting jobs. Refer to Mr T, Scotty Delemare, Mrs Bruce or Rachel Burgin, at school, for character references!! Has own drivers licence and vehicle. For enquiries phone Holly 4335 735 or 021 048 1645 after hours.

Free to a good home - A 2yr 5mth old black lab with a little retriever in him needs a new home. His name is Armani, neutered, microchipped and is up to date with all health checks. Loves children, great family dog. Ph Janice on 4594552 or 021731259.

Marsden Bay Holiday Camp - Sun 17th July 2pm - Fri 22nd July 10am, \$160 per child, \$300 for two, \$370 for three in same family, lots of outdoor activities, Secret Agent 007 costume Party. To register or for further information contact Helena Lamason 09 4447456 or email hlamason@hotmail.com

School Holiday Cricket Program - 18-27 July, 10-3pm for 2 days, \$30 per day 8-13 yrs. Bellahomes Northland Cricket Centre. Ph 438 2400 or www.northcricket.co.nz

Badminton Open - 3 July at Northland Badminton Centre. Its an opportunity to play against other NZ players or just to come along and watch junior badminton.

Eczema Presentation - Practical tips for daily management, Tues 21 June, 7pm, ASB Lounge, ASB Leisure Centre, Western Hills Dr, To register email allergy@allergy.org.nz or call 0800340800 ext 2.

Cadbury Chocolate - Caramello and Dairy Milk for sale, \$2.50 each. Left over from the School fundraiser.

School Newsletter .. If you would like to receive this by email contact us on admin@matarau.school.nz

At Matarau school we love our writing

Cool story .. this week we had a trial evacuation. In one of our junior rooms children were absorbed in writing narratives. After this room had assembled at the assembly point, and the class had been checked off, one of the students held up his piece of writing and confidently advised his teacher that she need not worry as he had his story with him. We think this is such a cool little story .. how is that for valuing what you do.

And Finally

What do you call an alien spaceship that drips water? A crying saucer!

Regards

Kevin Trehwella
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School Lunches on Sale each Week at Matarau

Mondays – Spaghetti or Baked Beans in a cup with Toast & grated cheese; Chicken or Beef Flavoured noodles; all served with a Fruit Drink for \$3.00; orders to the office by 10.30am each Monday.

Wednesdays – Sausage in Bread with sauce for \$1.00; orders to the classroom teacher each Wednesday morning at 9am.

Fridays – Mince Pie, Big Daddy or Sausage Roll (with Museli Bar) with a Drink for \$4.00 or swap for a Flavoured Milk for \$4.50; or Macaroni Cheese with Juice for \$4.00; Order by Wednesdays to receive Friday.



Homemade PASTA BOLOGNAISE

Friday 17th June only for \$5.00 (inc drink)

Reminder – Get Your Order

Compost for Sale

Fonterra have very generously offered to donate compost for the school garden. They have also donated a large amount for us to sell as a fundraiser for the school.

The compost is made from whey mixed with sawdust, and is great for the garden. Whey provides the soil with minerals such as magnesium, potassium and protein and also improves the overall texture.

We will be selling it for \$30 / trailer load which can be picked up from the yard on Jordan Valley Road. There is an option to purchase 4 large bags for \$20, please indicate below if would prefer this alternative.

Pickup will be available on Saturday 18th June, between 2 and 4 pm.

Contact Lisa Jones on 435 6199 for more information. Thank you.

I would like to purchase

_____ trailer load(s) of whey compost @ \$30 per trailer OR

_____ bags @ \$20 per 4

Payable to the School Office before pickup (Cheques made payable to Matarau School).

Directions

From Matarau School, turn right onto Rushbrook Rd, go to end, turn right onto Jordan Valley Rd, and turn into first driveway on left.

Annual Matarau School Trivia Night (20 August 2011)

If anyone is able to help with finding sponsorship or prizes for Trivia Night to contact Wendy Francis or Jane Martin , please contact Wendy on 435 4659 or Jane on 433 5967.



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16th July 2011

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